

HA-1817
Early 1920's
Bel Air
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

 x 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. 11-11-11

Magi No. _____

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilkinson-Famous House

and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 338 E. Broadwayn/a not for publicationcity, town Bel Air

vicinity of _____

congressional district 3rdstate MD

county _____

Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. James Caulfieldstreet & number 338 E. Broadwaytelephone no.: 893-8225city, town Bel Air

state and zip code

MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1674street & number _____ folio 635city, town Bel Airstate MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____

state _____

7. Description

Survey No. A-1817

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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A shed-roofed sun room on the east elevation was originally a small open porch. A shed-roofed addition on the west bay of the rear (north) elevation leads to a deck to the east. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash and are flanked by black plastic shutters. A Victorian door is in the west bay of the facade. It has an oval beveled and etched central glass portion and is a reproduction. A side entrance covered by a shed stoop is in the middle of the west elevation.

Virtually the whole interior has been changed by one owner or another. Entry is into a broad side hall. The open string dog-leg staircase with carved brackets, round newel and round tapered balusters rises along the west wall. To the right (east) is the living room, which has a fireplace with a marble mantel in the east wall. To the north is the dining room. The dado is recent. The sun room to the east has a full bath to the north. To the rear of the hall is the kitchen, which leads to a family dining room in the addition. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. The attic and basement are finished. The foundation is poured concrete.

Alterations include adding a wall to the east of the entry to form a hall, all woodwork in the house, the mantel and dining room dado, renovating the kitchen, enclosing the side porch and adding a bath room to it, adding the family room and deck, and adding a half bath to the northwest bedroom. The front porch is also an addition. Apparently the original was much smaller. The result is a house with a colonial flavor inside and out.

8. Significance

Survey No. FA-1017

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates early 1920s Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Mrs. Wilkinson's heirs, Mamie Wilkinson and John N. Wilkinson, sold the house in 1931 to Charles H. Reed, a Bel Air lawyer and agent for the Royal Fire Insurance Co. John Wilkinson also owned an insurance company and has been mayor of Bel Air. The Reeds sold the property to Curtis L. Famous, of Famous & Spang Insurance Co., of Aberdeen, in 1931. Robert and Leonora Ordakowski bought the house after the death of Mrs. Famous in 1976. They paid \$52,000.

All the interior alterations to floor plan and woodwork except for the renovation of the kitchen and the rear addition were done by the Ordakowskis, as was the enclosure of the side porch.

In 1985 pediatrician Steven W. Dannenfelser and his wife Mary bought the house for \$115,000. They re-did the kitchen, put the addition on the rear of the house, and sold it five years later to the present owners, James and Jennifer Caulfield, for \$170,000.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1027

Harford County Land records.
Site visit, 27 April 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 388 in the Town of Bel Air, 100' (Broadway) x 115'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Dr. Marilyn M. Larew		
organization		date	7-2-93
street & number	RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd.	telephone	717-993-3557
city or town	New Park	state	PA 17352

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

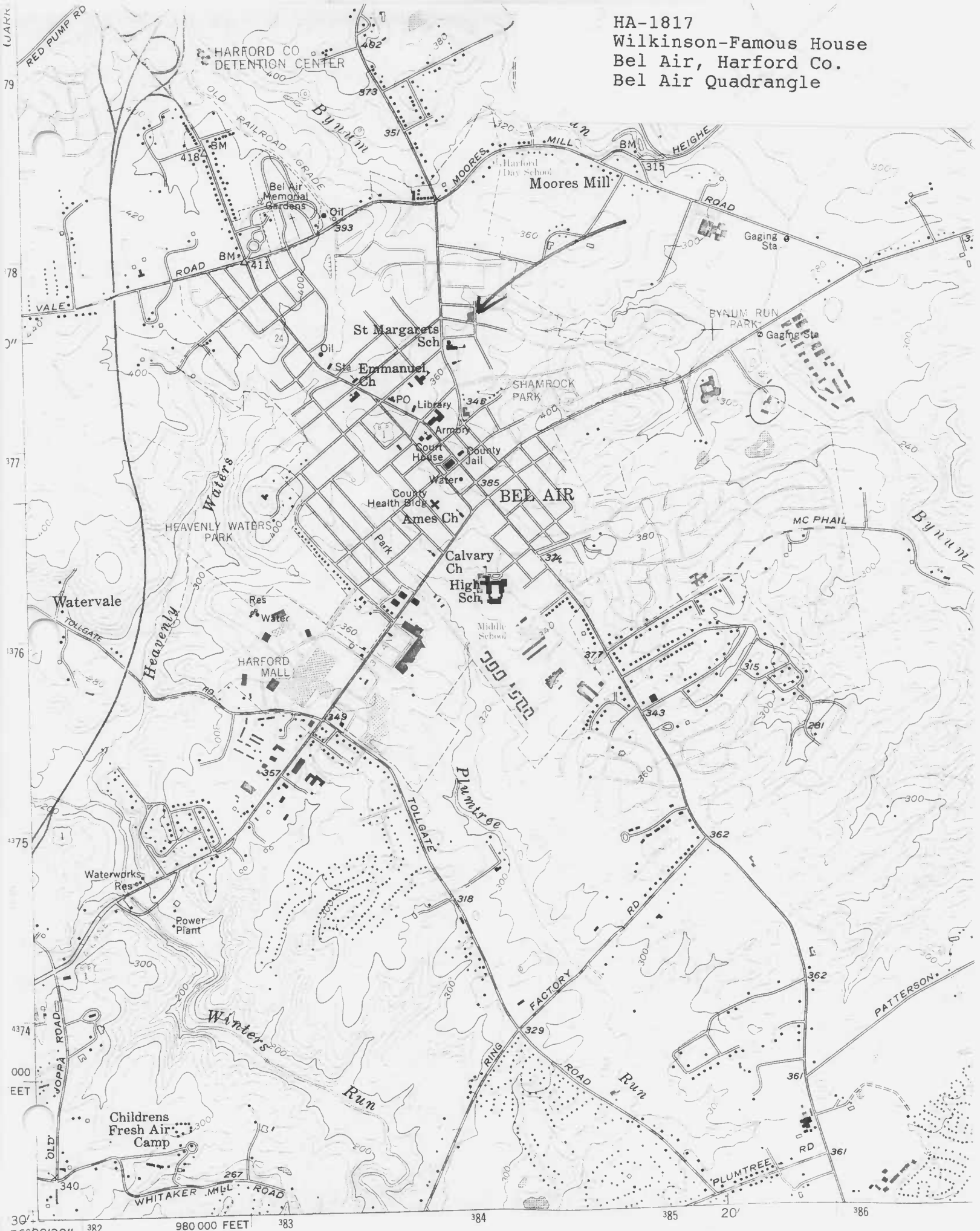
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DHC/DHC
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020
514-7600

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338 E. Broadway
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: James T. Caulfield

- 1674/635 7 Nov 1990
Steven W. Dannenfelser and Mary
to
James T. Caulfield and Jennifer C.
\$170,000
- 1299/184 12 Dec 1985
Robert Leonard Ordakowski and Leonora C.
to
Steven W. Dannenfelser and Mary W.
\$115,000
lots 26-30 in block A, Ingleside
- 1000/342 28 May 1976
Betty F. Munder and Charles C. Famous, personal
representatives of the estate of Eva Famous (d. 29 Jan
1976, will JGN 35/384)
to
Robert Leonard Ordakowski and Leonora C.
\$52,000
Curtis pre-deceased Eva
- 237/448 14 Sept 1935
Charles H. Reed and Annie L.W.
to
Curtis L. Famous and Eva I.
- 218/311 30 Mar 1931
Mamie A. Wilkinson, feme sole
John N. Wilkinson and Clare S.
to
Charles H. Reed
Mary B. Wilkinson d. will CSW 17/123, dated 22 Dec 1922
Mamie and John are her heirs
- 186/487 12 May 1923
J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.
to
Mary B. Wilkinson
restrictions: no house fronting on Conowingo Rd.
(Hickory) shall cost less than \$4,000 or less than
\$3,00 on other lots in Ingleside. No sales to persons
of African descent. Black servants may live there. No
commercial use for 25 years.

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 Wilkinson-Famous House
 Bel Air, Harford Co.
 Bel Air Quadrangle





338 E. BROADWAY
BEL AIR



